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INDIAN CONTRIBUTION TO IRRI
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India contributes to the budget of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) at Philippines;

(b) if so,the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether the institute is facing cuts in its budget;

(d) if so,whether the Government proposes to provide more financial help to the institute;and

(e) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.India contribute to IRRI under both restricted funding and unrestricted funding.

(b) India is a donor member of Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research(CGIAR) contributing US $ 0.75 million annually out of which contribution to IRRI is US $ 150,000 under unrestricted funding.

Besides this, India also contributes under restricted funding, the details of amount contributed in last three years are at Annexure-I.

(c) The institute is not directly under the Government of India.

(d) & (e): Government provides financial contribution to the institute commensurate with its task and our priorities.